MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

JANUARY 22, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Pasquale Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Sam Muzio, Michael Zuccarelli, Peter Criscuolo, Joseph Cappucci, Chief Vincent Landisio and Deputy Chief David Marcarelli.

Chief Landisio then stated it was with great pleasure to present to the Board of Fire Commission and to the families the five (5) members of the department for their swearing in ceremony as volunteers of this great department. He also thanked them for their commitment while going through the State Certification course and passing their Firefighter I class.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then read the oath to volunteer firefighters from Montowese Company # 2: Zachary Criscuolo and Cody Dudek; from West Ridge Company # 3: Sebastian Iskra; from Northeast Company # 4: Ralph Peccerillo and Joseph Connor. He thanked them for educating themselves and for the commitment to the Town of North Haven's residents and the department's commitment to keep them safe and well trained.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 18, 2013. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting held on January 8, 2014. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

The Chief's report was given by Chief Landisio; he spoke of items involving the department such as the alarms and the annual stats; the current budget status; building projects right on schedule Company # 1 and Company # 2 completion date as of now is March 1, 2014; discussion was had regarding criticism from a Town resident with respect to the fire stations and the Fire Chief at the last Board of Selectman meeting; and the training that has been completed.

Chief Landisio then spoke of FF Pat Marcarelli who after 40 years of service is retiring. He thanked him for his dedication and service to the fire service and wished him well in his retirement. There will be a retirement party held in his honor on March 14, 2014 at Country House in East Haven. Tickets are available at fire headquarters.

Discussion was then held amongst the commission regarding the Chief's report. It was suggested that all residents attend the open houses to see the functional fire stations that were approved by the Town. On behalf of the Board of Fire Commission they congratulated FF Pat Marcarelli on his 40 years of service to the Town and wish him a happy healthy retirement to the Marcarelli Family. Congratulations!

Chairman Nuzzolillo then spoke of the upcoming budget presentation and the desperate shape our apparatus fleet are in. These and other items will be discussed to the Board of Finance Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Chief Landisio stated the department had two (2) letters that were received one (1) from the President of Local 2987 regarding negotiating process; the second letter was from Hope Christian thanking the department with regard to their holiday angel tree.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business in the department. The specs for a new apparatus have been submitted to Finance and should be sent out in March; lastly, the Deputy Chief of the EMS Committee submitted a preliminary business plan and gave copies to the Board to review and give their input at an upcoming meeting.

Chief Landisio spoke of the new business in the department. He stated he needed a motion for Fire-Police appointments and read the recommendations from the 1st Lt of Fire Police and his recommendations. He also spoke of new Recruit Tyler Grailich who will be starting the CT Fire Academy on 2/13/14. Lastly, he spoke about a recent visit made to the University of New Haven with the Deputy Chief and the three (3) company captains to discuss a Strategic Plan of the North Haven Fire Department that will be done by grad students from the university.

Chairman Nuzzolillo spoke of the recent special meeting held on January 8, 2014 to interview for a new recruit. On behalf of the Board of Fire Commission congratulations to the # 1 ranking candidate Tyler Grailich; all candidates did an excellent job. We wish him well at the CT Fire Academy.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the recommendations as stated by Chief Landisio for Fire-Police: 1st Lt. Sam Muzio of Company 3, 2nd Lt. Tom Muir of Company 2, 2nd Lt Richard Gelinas of Company 3, 2nd Lt Mark DiNicola of Company 4 effective 1/1/14. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Chief Landisio discussed the good of the department. He spoke about the upcoming St. Baldricks event that will be happening in March; also, some career FF's will be participating in a stair climb event in New Haven on 2/8/14.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked the President of Local 2987 if he had any comments. He stated none at this time. He then asked if there were any public comments, none heard.

No executive session was held at this meeting.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission asked for a moment of silence for retired past Commissioner Daniel Fleming who recently passed away. Pastor Jim Detweiler then said a prayer for him and his family.

Therefore, there being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 7:08 PM. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Zuccarelli, Secretary

The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2014 at the Park & Rec. Center in Game Room at 6:00 P.M.